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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 11, 2001, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 19-21, 51 and 52 and without prejudice or disclaimer; amend claims 1, 9, 22 and 23; and add new claims 53-58 as follows:

1. An antenna assembly for a handheld telecommunication apparatus, comprising:

a conductive element defining a planar antenna; and

a flexible member arranged to carry the conductive element and to protrude from a surface of the handheld telecommunication apparatus.